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Dr. Robert Gates
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Dear Bob:

Thanks very much for coming as a "lion to a Den of Daniels". You could not have been more straightforward, direct, or convincing. I thought the panel served as a useful complement, and the questions and discussion were not bad. In fact it would have gone on for another couple of hours -- a unique reaction to an official address.

I was especially pleased by the progress you had made in clarifying, advancing, and articulating agency policies. I hope you'll come back again and see us soon. Indeed if there are ways in which we can be helpful, just let us know.

Yours sincerely,

Graham Allison